

S. 3307 also includes a demonstration project to explore the use of Medicaid data for automatic enrollment for free school meals. Due to limited funds, the demonstration project in S. 3307 focuses on the use of Medicaid data by selected school districts around the country. However, I urge USDA to use alternative authority to allow California to conduct a statewide demonstration directly certifying children for free school meals based on Medicaid data. California's sophisticated data matching system is fully capable of conducting statewide matches to directly certify these children. A rigorous evaluation of such a demonstration project would help other states implement statewide direct certification using Medicaid data.

I must also express my deep regret that this bill is partly funded by reducing SNAP benefits. Although I support passage of this legislation, I oppose the SNAP cuts it contains, will work to reverse them, and will strongly oppose any further cuts to SNAP benefits.

H. RES. 1631 WILL HARM EFFORTS FOR REUNIFICATION OF CYPRUS

HON. BILL DELAHUNT

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. DELAHUNT. Madam Speaker, I am concerned that the voice vote passage of H. Res. 1631, on September, 28, 2010, "Calling for the protection of religious sites and artifacts from and in Turkish-occupied areas of northern Cyprus as well as for general respect for religious freedom," may be detrimental to efforts at reunification of Cyprus.

While the Cyprus dispute is between Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots, it has commanded the attention of other countries for decades. In that time, negotiations over Cyprus have involved not only the Cypriot communities, but also Turkey, Greece, the United Kingdom, the United States, the United Nations, and the European Union. The impasse over Cyprus has had a number of implications, including the continuing stalemate on Turkey's accession to the European Union.

While sponsors of H. Res. 1631 spoke about religious tolerance, this legislation is clearly intended to target Turkey and Turkish Cypriots directly. No mention was made about the destruction of Turkish—Muslim cultural sites in the Republic of Cyprus, or the fact that both Greek and Turkish Cypriot communities have been working to tackle this problem together since 2008, under a Technical Committee established jointly by the leaders of the two communities.

Turkey, a friend of the United States and a NATO ally, has been supportive of the current discussions within the global community and between the two Cypriot leaders. The continuation of these efforts should be encouraged.

Passage of H. Res. 1631 at this time, could provoke a highly negative reaction and completely sidetrack the ongoing reunification process. Instead of a one-sided resolution, this House should commend and endorse the steps taken by both parties to resolve their longstanding dispute and settle their differences together.

A TRIBUTE TO REV. WALTER J. MORRIS

HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. TOWNS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

Born in Mobile, Alabama, Rev. Morris has always been committed to service to the elderly community and serving others. At a very young age, he showed great respect for all people and took an interest in serving others. This was instilled in him from his late parents, Johnny and Emma Morris, who believed in strong morals and values, and respecting oneself and others. He was raised in a very large family, and is number eight of twelve children. He was educated in the Mobile County public school system, and was also the first male to graduate from high school in his family.

Rev. Morris went on to complete his education and graduated from the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen Mechanics Institute's, "Building Construction Superintendence Program" in 1973; Wilfred Academy Cosmetology School in 1993; New York Theological Seminary in 1997; Blanton Peale Graduate Institute in "Pastoral Care Awareness" in 1997; and attended New York College Alliance Theological Seminary, "Pastoral Ministry" and "Biblical Studies" from 2000 to 2003. Professionally, his first job was at Robert Hall Clothes Store. Later he transitioned to H.L. Lazar Inc., where he worked for more than twenty-one years, initially employed as a messenger. During the first sixty days he received two promotions. Rev. Morris received numerous promotions, including Field Service Supervisor in the construction department. He was promoted to Construction Superintendent in 1974, to be named the first Black Superintendent in the company until they went out of business in 1990. He moved on and continued to work in the construction industry until 2006, until retirement.

Rev. Morris has always been a Christian; his first church was Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, in Mobile, Alabama. He continued his life of ministry at the Bethany Baptist Church, where he served as an Associate Minister under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. William A. Jones, Jr. who licensed him to preach in 1998, and ordained him in 2006. Rev. Morris has been in the community and active at the Bethany Baptist Church for over twenty years in various ministries, visiting the sick and shut-in, praying for people and preaching midweek services.

Rev. Morris served as the Chairman for the clergy group "The Community Benefit Agreement" for the Atlantic Yard Project, and is one of the original signatories. He feels that it is an honor to be able to help someone and encourage our youth to know that there is more to life than going to jail. As of five months ago, he started a new church, The Anointed Church with a Vision, in the Brownsville area, where he is the current and active Assistant Pastor.

God also blessed him seven years ago with a lovely wife, Barbara Morris, and step-daughter, Karen Miller where they currently reside in Brooklyn, New York.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing the achievements of Rev. Walter J. Morris.

HONORING AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF EMPLOYEE LEARNING WEEK

HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the American Society for Training and Development and to commend them for its annual Employee Learning Week.

The ASTD is the world's largest association dedicated to the training and development field. Each year the ASTD sponsors Employee Learning Week to recognize the value of employee learning and the important link between a knowledgeable, highly skilled workforce and organizational success. This year Employee Learning Week will be celebrated December 6th through the 10th.

The ASTD has been committed to creating a highly skilled workforce that is critical to growing and sustaining a competitive advantage. There are 130 U.S. Chapters and 30 international partners including the Mid New Jersey Chapter with 140 members across Central New Jersey. Led by Peter J. Rizza, ASTD's Mid New Jersey Chapter members consist of training directors and human resource managers from a broad range of business and government agencies.

I applaud ASTD for its positive role in recruiting, training and developing the workers of today and the leaders of tomorrow. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating ASTD and recognizing Employee Learning Week.

A TRIBUTE TO RUSS NORMAN, M. ED.

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 2, 2010

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Russ Norman, an emeritus faculty member at Glendale Community College, whose commitment to education has contributed substantially to student achievement.

Professor Norman began teaching business courses at Glendale Community College in 1955, and continued as a full-time professor until his retirement in 1995. As a dedicated educator, Mr. Norman has continued teaching as an adjunct faculty member since that time. He primarily teaches accounting courses, in addition to written business communications and mathematics of finance courses.

Professor Norman holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree in education (M. Ed.) from the University of California, Los Angeles.

In his early years at Glendale Community College, Mr. Norman served as coach of the Judo Club. Under his leadership, the club garnered its first Southern California Kodokan Judo Association Collegiate Championship, beating his alma mater, UCLA.

Even more impressively, Mr. Norman's accomplishments stretch far beyond his role as a college instructor and coach. He served on the Board of Governors for the Institute of Internal Auditors, and was the coordinator of a